

REMARKS

Claims 11-14 and 24-27 are pending in the above-identified application. With this Amendment, claims 11, 13, 24, 26 and 29 were amended. Applicants maintain that no new matter has been added.


Applicants would like to thank Examiner Thinh H. Nguyen for his helpful and courteous discussion held with Applicants representative on March 3, 2004. Applicants discussed possible amendments to the claims and pointed out differences between the cited art and the claimed invention.

In view of the amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance. Early notification to such effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any remaining issue, Applicants kindly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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